GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF SIMI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 123 students of Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) were arrested from one of the hotels of Surat;

(b) if so, whether C.B.I. team from Delhi has gone to Surat for the investigation of these SIMI activists;

(c) if so, the findings of the investigation;

(d) whether these activists have links with their counterparts in the US and also attended religious seminars in London;

(e) if so, the details in this regard;

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to curb the terrorist activities of the SIMI and similar other organizations operating in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): More than 100 activists of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) have been arrested in Surat (Gujarat).C.B.I. has not conducted any investigation at Surat relating to arrest of SIMI activist.

(d)to(f): One leader of the SIMI had participated in a seminar at London in 1988 on Safety of Islmic religious places.The Students Islamic Movement of India has been found indulging in activities, which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace, communal harmony and the secular fabric of the country. In view of this, the Central Government declared this organization as Unlawful association under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal constituted by the Government for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring SIMI as Unlawful Association has confirmed the ban.

The activities of all such organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken where necessary.